AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/JP2004/001746**, filed **17 February 2004**, which designated the U.S. and claims priority of **JP 2003-98120**, filed **April 1, 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 46, line 14, as follows:

Part of the copolymer aqueous solution was converted to a hydrochloride, and the hydrochloride was reprecipitated from an acetone solvent to give a copolymer hydrochloride. The elemental analysis thereof showed a result of C = 61.78, H = 11.11 and N = 7.89. These values were equivalent to calculated values of C = 61.57, H = 11.20 and N = 8.01. The ~~mono~~di ethoxy-2-hydroxypropylation molar fraction of the copolymer hydrochloride was calculated on the basis of acid-base titration. As a result, it was 49.62 %, which was nearly in agreement with the elemental analysis result.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 46, line 29, as follows:

~~5.7.26~~507.26 Grams (99 %) of an aqueous solution having a concentration of 34.63 wt % of a free type copolymer (copolymerization ratio 3:7) of N,N-dimethylallylamine and diethoxy-2-hydroxypropylated allylamine was obtained in the same manner as in Example 17 except that 121.54 g of ethyl glycidyl ether was used in Example 17. The copolymer had a weight average molecular weight of 1,400.